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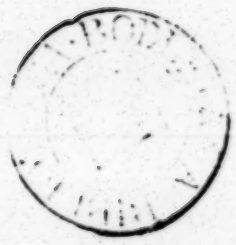

My Lords;

Gentlemen;

My Reverend Brethren of the Clergy;

I AM deſired by the Lords Lieutenants of the ſeveral Ridings, to open to You the Reaſons of our preſent Aſſembling: And as the Advertiſement, which has called Us together, is in every Body's Hands; and the Fact now ſpeaks itſelf too plainly, a few Words will be ſufficient on the Occaſion.

It was ſome time before it was believed, (I would to God it had gained Credit ſooner,) but now every Child knows it, that the Pretender's Son is in *Scotland*; has ſet up his Standard there; has gathered and diſciplined an Army of great Force; receives daily Increaſe of Numbers; is in the Poſſeſſion of the Capital City there; has defeated a ſmall Part of the King's Forces; and is advancing with haſty Steps towards *England*.

What will be the Iſſue of this Rapid Progreſs muſt be left to the Providence of God. However, what is incumbent upon Us to do, is to make the beſt Proviſion we can againſt it; and every Gentleman, I dare ſay every Man in *England*, will think it his Wiſdom and his Intereſt to guard againſt the miſchievous Attempts of theſe wild and deſperate Ruffians.

But the great Miſchief to be feared, which ought to alarm us exceedingly, and put us immediately on our Defence, is the certain Evidence, which every Day opens more and more, that theſe Commotions in the *North* are but Part of a Great Plan concerted for

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our Ruin.--- They have begun under the Countenance, and will be ſupported by the Forces of *France* and *Spain*, our old and inveterate, (and late Experience calls upon me to add, our ſavage and bloodthirſty) Enemies.--- A Circumſtance that ſhould *fire* the Indignation of every honeſt *Engliſhm n.* If theſe Deſigns ſhould ſucceed, and Popery and Arbitrary Power come in upon us, under the Influence and Direction of theſe two Tyrannical and Corrupted Courts, I leave you to reflect, what would become of every Thing that is valuable to us!

We are now bleſs'd with the mild Adminiſtration of a Juſt and Proteſtant King, who is of ſo ſtrict an Adherence to the Laws of our Country, that not an Inſtance can be pointed out, during his whole Reign, wherein he made the leaſt Attempt upon the Liberty, or Property, or Religion, of a ſingle Perſon. But, if the Ambition and Pride of *France* and *Spain* is to dictate to us, we muſt ſubmit to a Man to govern us under their hated and accurſed Influence, who brings his Religion from *Rome*, and the Rules and Maxims of his Government from *Paris* and *Madrid.*

For God's Sake, Gentlemen, let us conſider this Matter as becomes us, and let no Time be loſt to guard againſt this Prodigious Ruin. To your immortal Honour be it ſpoken, you have conſider'd it; and are now met together to call in the unanimous Conſent and Aſſiſtance of this great County. This County, as it exceeds every other for its Extent and Riches, ſo it very naturally takes the Lead of the inferior Ones. And it will be extremely to our Credit; give Courage to the Friends of the beſt Conſtitution in the World; damp the Spirit of its Enemies at home; (if any ſuch can be conceived in *Britain* at this Dangerous Criſis) and be an Inſtruction to thoſe Abroad; that there is ſtill Spirit and Honeſty enough among us to ſtand up in Defence of our common Country. This will be the Uſe of an Unanimous and Hearty Declaration of Fidelity to our Country, and Loyalty to our King. But the Times, Gentlemen, call for ſomething more than This! Something muſt be done as well as ſaid --- And the Fund for our Defence, already begun and now to be propoſed to this Great Aſſembly, will, it is hoped, from Reaſons of publick Example, and publick Safety, meet with the Hearty Concurrence of every Individual that com-

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poſes it. And at the ſame Time that your Hearts go along with the Aſſociation, your Hands will be open to ſupport the neceſſary Meaſures of Self-Defence.

As to You, my Reverend Brethren, I have not long had the Honour to preſide among You; but from the Experience I have had, and what I have always heard of your honeſt Love to your Country, (if you permit me to ſay ſo) I will be your Security to the Publick, that you will decline no Pains to inſtruct and animate your People, nor Expence, according to your Circumſtances, to ſtand up againſt Popery and Arbitrary Power, under a *French* or a *Spaniſh* Government.--- We ſcorn the Policies of the Court of *Rome*; have no Intereſts ſeparate from the People; but on every Occaſion, where our Country is concern'd, look upon ourſelves as incorporated with the warmeſt Defenders of it; or, if we do deſire to be diſtinguiſhed, it will be by our Ardor and Zeal to preſerve our happy Conſtitution.

Let us unite then, Gentlemen, as one Man, to ſtop this dangerous Miſchief, from which Union no Man ſurely can withdraw, or withold his Aſſiſtance, who is not liſted into the wicked Service of a *French*

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or *Spaniſh* Invaſion, or wholly unconcerned for the Fate of his *Bleeding Country*.

May the Great *God* of Battles ſtretch out his all-powerful Hand to defend Us; inſpire an Union of Hearts and Hands among all Ranks of People; a clear Wiſdom into the Councils of his Majeſty; and a ſteady Courage and Reſolution into the Hearts of his Generals.